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(DEFENSE MANPOWER)

WASHINGTON--PRESIDENT KENNEDY TODAY ANNOUNCED THE RESIGNATION OF CARLISLE P. RUNGE AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR MANPOWER. HE NAMED NORMAN S. PAUL TO SUCCEED RUNGE.

PAUL, 43, IS NOW AN ASSISTANT TO DEFENSE SECRETARY MCNAMARA, SPECIALIZING IN LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS. HE WAS WITH THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FROM 1955 TO 1960, SERVING AS LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL FOR THE CIA PART OF THAT TIME.

IN ACCEPTING RUNGE'S RESIGNATION, KENNEDY SAID THAT DURING HIS TENURE THAT MILITARY MANPOWER READINESS WAS "SEVERELY TESTED BY WORLD EVENTS."

"YOU HAVE MADE AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE MAGNIFICENT RESPONSE OF OUR FORCES BOTH ACTIVE AND RESERVE," KENNEDY TOLD RUNGE. HE SAID HE ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATION "ONLY WITH CONSIDERABLE REGRET AND RELUCTANCE."

RUNGE, WHOSE RESIGNATION IS EFFECTIVE JULY 30, SAID HE WAS LEAVING THE GOVERNMENT "TO RETURN TO PROFESSIONAL LIFE IN WISCONSIN."

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